

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,107,328 to Kinsman (Kinsman).

Applicants have canceled claim 1 and submitted new claims 47-55 which include at least the feature of each lead passing through a peripheral side wall and an inner wall having an outer surface spaced from and opposing an inner peripheral surface of the peripheral side wall.

Applicants respectfully point out that Kinsman fails to teach or suggest this feature.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 47-55 are allowable over Kinsman and respectfully request indication as such.

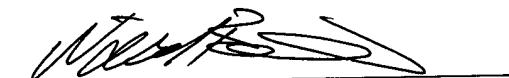
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 202.739.5983 if there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference.

EXCEPT for any issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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